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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Benedict
Appl. No. : 10/669,381
Filed : 9/25/2003
Title : NON-INERTIAL RELEASE SAFETY RESTRAINT BELT BUCKLE
SYSTEMS
Grp./A.U. : 3677
Examiner : Lavinder, Jack W.

Docket No.: 14308

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF FINALITY OF OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the finality of the Office Action mailed October 5, 2005, be withdrawn. The application is now rejected over newly cited prior art dealing with the same issues that were the subject of the prior rejections and an interview with the Examiner. It is appreciated that the current Examiner extended the prior search of the previous Examiner and located more relevant prior art, however, it is not believed applicant's Response to the prior Office Action necessitated the newly stated reasons for rejection. It is believed that applicant should be entitled to reply to this current rejection as a matter of right and not as a response to a Final Office Action.

It is requested that the Office Action either be reissued as a Non-Final Action or that the finality indicated in the issued action be withdrawn so as to avoid further expenses to the applicant that may be required if a request to file a